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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340, RM-11683

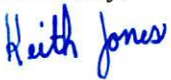
Dear Mr. Genachowski:

After an exhausting election season where JOBS, JOBS, JOBS seemed to be the mantra of so many political campaigns in the country, I'm compelled to write to you on behalf of what I think could ultimately be a true job creator in rural states: the license modification application for Virginia-based LightSquared. And rather than another television commercial touting which candidate is better for small businesses like mine, I want to ask that the FCC actually do something concrete to help by approving the solution LightSquared has put forth.

Granted, a lot of business owners like me utilize GPS devices for personal reasons, I'm frankly weary of the long back-and-forth between LightSquared and the GPS industry about interference issues. If I've read the LightSquared proposal accurately, the company is walking away from that fight as the better sport willing to give up more of its licensed spectrum in order to actually gain less megahertz by entering into a spectrum sharing agreement with the federal government.

Without getting into all the technical details which I'm sure the Commission understands better than I do, I have to say that this sharing arrangement will ultimately be beneficial to small, and many medium-sized, businesses throughout this country. We need access to an affordable broadband competitor, and we need it now. That's the best way for the business community in rural states to create more jobs – by having a more economical broadband choice that gives us the same sort of business advantages that our big-city counterparts have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith Jones".

Keith Jones, Owner

cc: Senator Sherrod Brown
Senator Rob Portman
Speaker John Boehner
Congressman Bob Latta